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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRC-FRANCE CIVIL AIR RELATIONS

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1. AIR FRANCE OFFICIAL WHO WAS ON GOF DELEGATION FOR RECENT TALKS HERE WITH PRC REPS INFORMS US THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED PERMITTING INAUGURATION ON OCT. 29 OF CAAC'S PEKING-PARIS ONCE WEEKLY SERVICE. FLIGHT WILL MAKE ONLY ONE STOP, AT KARACHI. CAAC ITINERARY OVER SHORTER SINKIANG ROUTE WILL REQUIRE ONLY FOURTEEN HOURS VERSUS SEVENTEEN HOURS FOR AIR FRANCE'S PEKING-PARIS FLIGHT, WHICH IS A BIT OF A SORE POINT WITH AIR FRANCE. TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE WORKED OUT WITH AIR FRANCE FOR SERVICING AND OTHER GROUND ARRANGEMENTS. CAAC FLIGHTS WILL OPERATE INTO CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT IN PARIS. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AIR FRANCE WILL SERVE AS SALES AGENT FOR CAAC.

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2. AMONG OTHER ISSUES THAT HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO ARISE

DURING THE TALKS (REFTEL), OUR SOURCE SAID THAT PRC DEL
DID NOT EVEN ASK THAT CAAC REP BE ON PRC EMBASSY STAFF.
SOURCE SPECULATED THAT STRONG OBJECTIONS WHICH JAPANESE
HAD APPARENTLY MADE ON THIS POINT RE CAAC REPRESENT-
ATION IN TOKYO MAY HAVE DISSUADED PRC FROM PRESSING IT
IN PARIS. AS FOR LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF AIR
FRANCE REP IN PEKING, HEALTH PROBLEM OF INDIVIDUAL CON-
CERNED (E.G., REQUIRING HIM HAVE CHAUFFEUR AND NOT LIVE
FAR OUTSIDE PEKING) IS COMPLICATING FACTOR RENDERING
SOLUTION OF THESE DIFFICULTIES MORE TEDIOUS. IN CONCLU-
SION, SOURCE SAID THAT A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN
TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN GOF AND PRC IN THEIR CIVAIR
RELATIONS, BUT WE WERE GIVEN NO FURTHER DETAILS. STONE

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